



Friday
October 1, 2010

Weekly Views

Pendleton Juvenile hosted visitors from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as apart of the International Visitor Leadership Program. The visitors were here to examine the U. S. penal system, including a focus on Indiana's Juvenile Corrections.

Rockville Correctional Facility held a fall blood drive and collected 11 units, bringing the facility total to 56 units donated for 2010.

American Red Cross sponsored a blood drive at Branchville Correctional Facility. Staff donated 26 units of blood!

Pendleton Juvenile donated \$349 to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence through money raised during a facility walk-a-thon. Students and staff walked, while other staff pledged donations.



The Reception Diagnostic Center held a "Cookout" sale with Superintendent Hanlon manning the grill, and raised \$285! Proceeds will go toward the upcoming holiday party.

Commissioner Buss issued an Executive Directive that allows all IDOC staff to participate in a "dress down" day. Please see your supervisor or SECC coordinator for details on the levels of participation available.

15 students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in the final Youth at Risk Program presented by Step-Up, Inc. of Indianapolis. This program assists youth in developing skills to avoid risky behaviors, such as sexual practices, drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

PEN Products Central Office awarded its first U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate to an Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility resident worker. IREF resident Jerry King completed his remaining apprenticeship requirements at IREF after working in PEN industries at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. Mr. King was released Friday, September 24th credentialed and ready to work.



The Correctional Industrial Facility contributed \$150 to the State Employees' Community Campaign with a Chili Cheese Dog and Soda sale.

To honor National Recovery Month, Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility's Substance Abuse participants presented the Dove Recovery House, located in Indianapolis, with a check for \$500 from proceeds raised during a food fundraiser held at the facility last week.

The Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit was acknowledged for their service to the Michigan City Police Department for painting the inside of the Police Station. Chief of Police Mark Swistek praised the offenders for their hard work completing the job. The same offenders assisted with the Pumpkin Festival in Westville, Indiana by putting up large tents for this weekend's events.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility donated \$750 to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Vigo County. Funds from the PLUS and Fatherhood programs will benefit the over 200 at risk children involved in the organization. WVCF's PLUS unit also plans to donate two custom quilts for fund raising purposes.

Camp Summit Boot Camp, Westville Correctional Facility and the Indiana State Prison held a Community Advisory Board meeting at Camp Summit. The board members in attendance were given a tour of the facility.